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FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSOR, AND STORAGE

MEDIUM THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 24, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, extended to November 29, 2004 by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a substitute abstract and amended drawing figures 4 and 15 are attached following page 12 of this paper.